GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Import of Uranium
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of uranium from Kazakhstan in 2014-15 when compared to 2013-14 has come down by nearly 200 metric tonnes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether at present India is importing uranium only from Russia and Kazakhstan; and

(d) if so, the time by when India is likely to get uranium from Australia, Canada and other uranium producing countries and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir, the import of Uranium from Kazakhstan in 2014-15 has come down by 176.6 MT when compared to 2013-14.

(b) An agreement for supply of 2100 MT Uranium Ore Concentrate (UOC) during 2009-2014 was signed with M/s. Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan on 12.11.2009. Taking into account the deliveries made in previous years, M/s. Kazatomprom completed the committed 2100 MT supply of delivering the balance 283.4 MT in the year 2014-15. Out of agreed quantity of 2100 MT, M/s Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan has effected the last balance supply of UOC during 2014-15.

(c)&(d) No, Sir. Uranium is also imported from countries other than Russia and Kazakhstan. An Agreement has been signed with M/s CAMECO, Canada on 15.4.2015 for supply of 3000 MT of UOC during 2015-20.

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